

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 509
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Bobby Sharp
and the 1995 Lewis County High School football
team.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, fierce determination, and great skill the 1995 Lewis County High School football team has ended an outstanding season by reaching the quarter-final round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, during the regular season Lewis County won the coveted Region 6 AA title, with an unblemished 5-0 record, impressively beating Richland 42-0, Riverside 35-0, Adamsville 62-7, Mt. Pleasant 42-14 and Loretto 28-14; and

WHEREAS, in non-regional action the Lewis County Panthers pounced on Lawrence County 40-7, Wayne County 21-13, Harpeth 28-0, Hickman County 42-6 and Greenbrier 38-0; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the playoffs, this highly touted team sent the Davidson Academy Bears back into hibernation and in the second round they successfully corralled the Huntington High School Mustangs 17-0; and

WHEREAS, they completed the season with an excellent overall record of 12-1, with their only loss at the hands of the eventual state champion in a very tight contest; and

WHEREAS, head coach Bobby Sharp and his capable staff, including assistant coaches Benny Pace, Harry Hutson, Tim Watkins and Paris Thompson, have shown an exemplary work ethic that has been an inspiration to each of the players; and

WHEREAS, team members included: Quinton Webster, James Howard, Rob Inman, Brooke Fessenden, Wesley Duncan, David Staggs, Jordon Hawkins, Lance Crowell, Colin Cotham, Jeron Couch, Josh Choate, Wesley Brown, Robby Layson, Bo Whitehead, Bradley Tenry, Jacob Skelton, Robert Klein, Jeremy Adkins, Freddie Sharp, Josh Jones, Benji Rainey, Ito Rodriguez, Alan Morton, Joseph Lay, Stevie Harlow, Mike Elliot, Michael Wherry, Dustin Whitwell, John Herrington, Chad Brewer, Dan Adkins, Wayne McDonald, Erik Forsythe, Rodney McDonald, Damien Clayton, Donald Sparkman, Charlie Brewer, Jimmy Brackeen, Zack Mortimer, Chris Tanner, Nick Stublefield, Josh McDonald, Kenny Carroll, Chad Clifton, Tim Adams, Jared Leigh, Donovan McDonald, Kirk Staggs, Josh Stutts, Dewayne Baker, Joey Klein, Jeremy Harris, Joey Adkins, Chris Galloway, Greg Webb, Justin Skelton, Bart Hinson, David Craig, Cody Gray, Justin Osborne, Jason Melton, Richie McCann, Rodger Runions, Shane Murray, Josh Carroll, Bobby Bean, and Michael Moore, each of whom contributed to the fine record of the team; and

WHEREAS, the superintendent of schools Dennis E. Whittenberg, principal Bill Lynch, and athletic director Mike Tatum have been very supportive; and

WHEREAS, under the expert sponsorship of Cindy Baker, the enthusiastic Lewis County cheerleaders were Kara Long, Heather Bowen, Amanda Picketts, Tracy Arledge, Hollie Bates, Anna Churchwell, Shelly Tanner and Tonya Barber, with the cute and clever mascot being Debbie Sealy; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Billy Dabbs, John Smith, Richard Mayberry, John Crowe, Scott Smith, Nathan Grimes and Jason Melton; the accurate spotters were Tim Webb and Bobby Page; the film man was John Spears; and the important statistical

crew consisted of Clark Carroll, Barry Churchwell, Marty Spears, David Henley, Jerry Churchwell and Jim Wix; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize and commemorate this notable team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Bobby Sharp and the 1995 Lewis County High School football team on reaching the quarter-final round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state playoffs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.